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Colleagues –

Over the past few months, external demands on my time have increasingly compromised my ability to adequately fulfill my duties as Technical Integration Coordinator (TIC). DZero needs and deserves more from this role than I've been able to give it recently and, while I will remain on the experiment, I am distributing this note to announce my stepping down from this position.

The spokespersons and I have taken the time and care to leave behind a structure on the technical front that is more than capable of taking up the reins. George Ginther and I have been working closely together for many months now – he has been a part of all the decisions that have defined this role from its inception, has been acting with increasing independence as Co-TIC, and will take over as sole Technical Integration Coordinator. His characteristic insight and abilities have already introduced a number of fresh approaches to this position, and I have every confidence in his ability to navigate the detector efforts through the next few years. My sincerest thanks go as well to all the talented people I've had the opportunity to work closely with in this capacity: that the experiment has this type of talent to draw on – individuals that are able and willing to seize challenges and opportunities when they are presented – speaks definitively to the caliber of its personnel. I feel fortunate to be able to leave the hardware end of the experiment in such good hands.

DZero is at the HEP energy and discovery frontier – the transition US HEP is now undergoing tends to obscure this fact. Fermilab holds a monopoly on this potential for at least four or five years and, palpable new discoveries or not, we are exploring new territory. There are precious few opportunities to be part of such a thing, in any discipline, in any era. I believe that the unparalleled scientific potential offered at the Tevatron, combined with the collaboration's intrinsic cohesiveness and adaptability, uniquely equip DZero to tackle any challenges that the next few years might present.

Best regards – see you in the trenches –

Cheers –

Jon